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SUBJ: SHIP LOANS - GOP EXPRESSES DESIRE TO BUY BOOTH
AND NETTLE

REF: (A) CHJUSMAG PHIL 210436Z AUG 73

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DFA NOTE NO. 74-822 DATED MARCH 25
IN WHICH WE ADVISED GOP WISHES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH USG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PURCHASE RPS KALANTIAW PS-76
(EX-USS BOOTH - DE-170) AND RPS LIMASAWA CGS TK-79 (EX-
US CGS NETTLE) BOTH OF WHICH VESSELS ON LOAN TO PHIL GOVERN-
MENT. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, USG PROPOSED SUCH SALE IN 1972
WHEN LOAN/LEASE ARRANGEMENTS CAME UP FOR RENEWAL. REF A
INDICATED PRELIMINARY WILLINGNESS OF PHIL NAVY TO PURCHASE
BOTH BOOTH AND NETTLE, AND REQUESTED INTERIM LOAN/LEASE
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ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL PURCHASE COULD BE FINALIZED. REF B

PROVIDED APPROVAL OF INTERIM LOAN/LEASE EXTENSION FOR
NETTLE; INTERIM EXTENSION OF BOOTH REQUESTED BY JUSMAG
DEC 4, 1973 TO OPS 63 NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. TEXT DFA NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO COMMUNICATIONS OF THE JOINT
UNITED STATES MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP IN THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE FLAG OFFICER-IN-COMMAND OF THE PHILIPPINE NAVY, IN
WHICH TWO UNITED STATES SHIPS ON LOAN/LEASE TO THE PHILIPPINES,
THE RPS KALANTIAW PS-76 (EX-USS BOOTH) AND RPS LIMASAWA CGS
TK-79 (EX-US CGS NETTLE), HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, FOR THE AMOUNTS OF \$80,000.00 AND
\$60,000.00, RESPECTIVELY.

THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE EMBASSY COULD
CONVEY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THE INTENTION OF
THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE THE SHIPS AND ITS
READINESS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE PURCHASE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IT WOULD ALOS BE APPRECIATED IF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
COULD BE INFORMED OF THE DESIRE OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERN-
MENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LOAN/LEASE OF THE VESSELS UNTIL
SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE FINALLY PURCHASED.

THE DEPARTMENT AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW
TO THE EMBASSY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
END QUOTE.

3. REQUEST NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY BE PROVIDED SO THAT SALE/
PURCHASE CAN BE CONSUMMATED, AND THAT INTERIM EXTENSION
OF LOAN/LEASE OF BOOTH BE APPROVED.

4. GOP DESIRE TO CONCLUDE SALE/PURCHASE OF BOOTH AND NETTLE
FOLLOWS HARD ON HEELS OF RECENT NOTE (REF C) IN WHICH
PHILS EXPRESSED HOPE OF ACQUIRING VESSELS FROM USN FORCE
REDUCTION PROGRAM.

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